This work of art tackles a controversial social issue that launched a national outcry

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HB2 Squirrels shakes up expectations of social norms, shines spotlight on LGBTQIA+ issues

To celebrate Pride Month and last week's monumental Supreme Court decision to extend protections against employment discrimination to millions of LGBTQIA+ workers nationwide, we take a closer look at Michelle Erickson's *HB2 Squirrels*. Here's the story

behind the gender-symbol-wielding animals, covered in war paint, that greet visitors in the Carroll Gallery of Mint Museum Uptown.

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Robert Ebendorf (American, 1938–). "Lost Soul Found Spirits Necklace," 1999, iron, aluminum, sterling silver, crab claws. Gift of Sienna Patti. 1999.89

Lost Souls Found Spirits. Robert Ebendorf created his *Lost Souls Found Spirits* series of necklaces during a period of introspection and recovery while going through a divorce. He collected the crab claws during walks on the beach; on other pieces in the series, he incorporated found squirrel paws and bird heads. Ebendorf often uses found objects on his jewelry, an act he describes as making order out of chaos. However, the materials of *Lost Souls Found Spirits* are especially startling: claws, nails, and beaks, once lacerating, then dead, now live on as jewelry. This necklace is on view at Mint Museum Uptown.

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- **Jen Wiggins of Opera Carolina, sings from her "rooftop."**

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